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We informed by British Embassy UK has lost enthusiasm for handing questionnaire to NATO and will only agree to providing it in March to the European Security Committee.

You should continue point out at February 20 meeting desirability providing questionnaire to NATO, stressing again that knowledge of questionnaire undoubtedly becoming fairly widespread among NATO members. This could lead to question being raised in NAC as matter of principle, with unfortunate results at time when harmony on issues of substance and procedure is of great importance.

Do not understand what French mean by QUOTE resume UNQUOTE of questionnaire. If perfunctory, this obviously not acceptable substitute. You should explore with French and meantime reserve position.

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